

# Washington School for the Deaf

## Middle School News

#### Social Studies

The 5th and 6th grade students completed their Egypt unit and are now starting the CBA. They will study the affects of technology on Deaf Culture.

Seventh and eighth grade students attended to Biztown where they experienced a mock economy. Students took the roles of CEOs, CFOs, employees, city workers and more.

### Writing

7th/8th a are still working on their self-portrait poetry anthologies. 7th/8th b learned about metaphors this week and how to incorporate metaphors into their original poems. Both the 5th and 6th grade classes are putting the finishing touches on their self-portrait poetry anthology pages. All students have been practicing for the Fingerspelling bee which is three short weeks away!

#### 7th/8th Science

We are charting the phases of the moon in daily moon logs this month. We are also studying the moon and it's craters. We simulated craters by dropping marbles in a bin of flour.

Our second topic for 4th quarter has been Wind Energy. We recently made pinwheels and experimented with how to make them spin faster.

#### Reading

7th/8<sup>th</sup> B wrote their personal responses to the book The Outsiders. 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> A continued working on their prefixes and suffixes. 5th/6th A wrote their personal responses to the story of Tuck Everlasting in their journal. 5th/6<sup>th</sup> B shared their funny personal experiences during the read aloud of The Diary of a Wimpy Kid. Ask your child what funny story they shared in class about fooling someone as a joke. All the middle school students are still reading toward to the middle school's goal to read 500 books. Go readers!

#### 5th/6th Science



We have been studying and designing cars this semester. This week, students made posters about Henry Ford.







Parents.

Please have your 7th and 8th grade child bring an empty shoebox to school for their Deaf Holocaust survivor unit. They will be making dioramas based on historical and biographical information.

Fifth and sixth grade students need to bring an oatmeal container. They will be creating time capsules.

Eighth grade commencement is June 5th. Parents, family members and friends of 8th grade students are invited to attend. More information will be available soon.

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## Questions? Comments? Concerns?

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